

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No.

09/501,169

Applicant(s)

CARDEN JR., WILLIAM T.

Examiner

Nathan Hillery

Art Unit

2176

All Participants:

(1) Nathan Hillery.

(2) _____.

Status of Application: 71

(3) _____.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 17 August 2006

Time: afternoon

Type of Interview:

- ☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description: _____.

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

35 USC 103

Claims discussed:

26, 28-37, 39, 41, 42, 44, 46-55, 57, 59, 60, 62, 64-73, 75 and 77-97

Prior art documents discussed:

Ivanov, Leone and Bly

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

- ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: discussed that claims 26, 28-37, 39, 41, 42, 44, 46-55, 57, 59, 60, 79-84, 88, 89, 91-94 and 97 are allowed. However, also discussed that claims 62, 64-73, 75, 77, 78, 85-87, 90, 95 and 96 contain awkward language and advised Applicant's representative to amend the claims to recite a proper system claim instead of including optional method steps into a system with components. Applicant's representative informed that the applicant must be contacted and that he will get back ASAP. Applicant's representative never contacted the office, since 8/16/06. Consequently, the latter mentioned claims are rejected.